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1. In December 1951 it was ascertained that each of the two casernes in Parchim quartered 1000 troops. The tank unit is stationed in the Dragoner Kaserne and in a block of the new garrison. The other four blocks are manned by anti-tank artillery units.*
2. A Ludwigslust firm installed a heating system, facilitating the quick starting of engines in cold weather, in the tank garages in the autumn of 1951. The total number of tanks observed is ca. 100, a little over half of which are T-34's and the rest Stalins.
3. There is an ammunition dump for tank and airforce units near the former station at Slate. A driveway paved with concrete leads from the Parchim-Purlitz road to the dump.
4. Under police guard, ca. 5 tons of explosives were transported from Frankfurt/Oder to an experimental station in the Sonnenberg area near Parchim where it was taken over by Russians.
5. Every Wednesday and Saturday morning, seven to eight tanks proceed from Karl Marx Strasse to the maneuvering grounds across from the air field.

The tanks have six 50X1-HUM wheels and a long gun with muzzle brake. Three to four jeeps with officers always follow the column.
6. On 3 January 1952, 25 to 30 trucks were unloaded at the station and departed in the direction of Schwerin.
7. In the former machine factory KAHL on Ludwigslusterstrasse, there is a unit of 30 to 40 men who guard and maintain the guns which are placed there. This unit was established more than a year ago.

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8. At the Karl Marx Strasse Barracks trucks [redacted]
have been observed. At the entrance to the air field trucks [redacted]
[redacted] were observed.

* [redacted] Comment: The two garrisons are assumed to be the Alte Dragonerkaserne
and the Neue Reiter Kaserne. The [redacted] observation concerning the 50X1-HUM
former appear to be correct, as a tank regiment of the 18th Mechanized
Division is believed to be quartered here. The Neue Reiterkaserne is believed
to quarter a mechanized regiment and a motorcycle battalion of the same
division.

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